UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Paper No. 15

MORGAN LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP 1800 M STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20036

COPY MAILED

DEC 19 2000

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

A/C PATENTS

In re Application of Marc Alaia et al. Application No. 09/311,557 Filed: May 14, 1999

: NOTICE

Attorney Docket No. 046700-5004-01

This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28. On September 1, 1998, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that 37 CFR 1.28(c) is the sole provision governing the time for correction of the erroneous payment of the issue fee as a small entity. See DH Technology v. Synergystex International, Inc. No. 97-1128, -1280, -1453, 1998 U.S. App. LEXIS 21409, at *30 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 1, 1998). Therefore, your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby ACCEPTED.

Inquiries related to this communication should be directed to the Office of Petitions Staff at (703) 305-9285.

This file is being forwarded to Publishing Division to be processed into a patent.

Wan Laymon

Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

Office of the Deputy Assistant Commissioner

for Patent Policy and Projects